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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph ~~[0034]~~ 0035 in the specification with the following paragraph: JC5/28/09

As referred to herein, the collet **202** is a structure that can be compressed under great pressure. In one embodiment, the collet **202** may be a conical piece with a lumen **214** concentrically oriented along the length of the collet **202**. The lumen **214** accepts the composite core **101**. The outer diameter of the collet ~~collect~~ **202** increases from a first end **220** of the collet **202** to a second end **222**, but the interior radius of the lumen **214** remains constant. While the collet **202** is preferably formed from two or more sections, it is contemplated that the collet **202** may be formed by one or more sections. The outside slope or change in diameter from the first end **220** to the second end **222** of the collet **202** should be neither too shallow nor too steep. If the slope is too shallow, the collet **202** may be forcibly pulled through the end of the collet housing **204**. Likewise, if the slope is too steep, the collet **202** will not slide within the collet housing **204** and apply increasing compressive forces on the composite core **101**. In an exemplary embodiment, the collet **202** has an outside radius at the first end **220** of 0.326 inches and an outside radius at the second end **222** of 0.525 inches.

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As shown in FIG. 3, the tension in the cable **100** pulls the composite core **101** in the direction of arrow **302**. An area of friction is developed along the lumen **214** between the composite core **101** and the collet **202**. As the tension pulls the composite core **101** in the direction of the arrow **302**, the composite core **101**, connected to the collet **202** by the frictional area of contact, pulls the collet **202** further down into the collet housing **204**, as is represented by arrow **304**. The conical shape of the collet **202** and the funnel shape of the collet housing **204** create increased compression upon the composite core **101** because of the decreasing volume